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CHAPTER 281

SENATE BILL 1147

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-2201, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO QUALIFIED
FIRST RESPONDER INSTRUCTORS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 36-2201, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 36-2201. Definitions

5 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 1. "Administrative medical direction" means supervision of certified
7 emergency medical technicians by a base hospital medical director,
8 administrative medical director or basic life support medical director. For
9 the purposes of this paragraph, "administrative medical director" means a
10 physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or 17 and who
11 provides direction within the emergency medical services system.

12 2. "Advanced life support base hospital" means a health care
13 institution that offers general medical and surgical services, that is
14 certified by the director as an advanced life support base hospital and that
15 is affiliated by written agreement with a licensed ambulance service,
16 municipal rescue service, fire department, fire district or health services
17 district for medical direction, evaluation and control of emergency medical
18 technicians.

19 3. "Ambulance" means any publicly or privately owned surface, water
20 or air vehicle, including a helicopter, that contains a stretcher and
21 necessary medical equipment and supplies pursuant to section 36-2202 and that
22 is especially designed and constructed or modified and equipped to be used,
23 maintained or operated primarily for the transportation of individuals who
24 are sick, injured or wounded or who require medical monitoring or aid.
25 Ambulance does not include a surface vehicle that is owned and operated by
26 a private sole proprietor, partnership, private corporation or municipal
27 corporation for the emergency transportation and in-transit care of its
28 employees or a vehicle that is operated to accommodate an incapacitated or
29 disabled person who does not require medical monitoring, care or treatment
30 during transport and that is not advertised as having medical equipment and
31 supplies or ambulance attendants.

32 4. "Ambulance attendant" means any of the following:

33 (a) A certified emergency medical technician whose primary
34 responsibility is the care of patients in an ambulance and who meets the
35 standards and criteria adopted pursuant to section 36-2204.

36 (b) A first responder who is employed by an ambulance service
37 operating under the provisions of section 36-2202, whose primary
38 responsibility is the driving of an ambulance.

39 (c) A physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or
40 17.

41 (d) A professional nurse who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter
42 15 and who meets the state board of nursing criteria to care for patients in
43 the prehospital care system.

1 (e) A professional nurse who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter
2 15 and whose primary responsibility is the care of patients in an ambulance
3 during an interfacility transport.

4 5. "Ambulance service" means a person who owns and operates one or
5 more ambulances.

6 6. "Basic emergency medical technician" means a person who has been
7 trained in specific emergency care in a basic emergency medical technician
8 program certified by the director or in an equivalent training program and
9 who is certified by the director as qualified to render services pursuant to
10 section 36-2205.

11 7. "Centralized medical direction communications center" means a
12 facility that is housed within a hospital, medical center, OR trauma center
13 or a freestanding communication center that meets the following criteria:

14 (a) Has the ability to communicate by ~~voice and telemetry~~ with
15 ambulance services and emergency medical services providers rendering patient
16 care outside of the hospital setting via radio and telephone.

17 (b) Is staffed twenty-four hours a day seven days a week by at least
18 a physician licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or 17.

19 8. "Certificate of necessity" means a certificate that is issued to
20 an ambulance service by the department and that describes the following:

21 (a) Service area.

22 (b) Level of service.

23 (c) Type of service.

24 (d) Hours of operation.

25 (e) Effective date.

26 (f) Expiration date.

27 (g) Legal name and address of the ambulance service.

28 (h) Any limiting or special provisions the director prescribes.

29 9. "Certified emergency medical technician" means an individual who
30 has been certified by the department as a basic emergency medical technician,
31 an intermediate emergency medical technician or an emergency paramedic.

32 10. "Council" means the emergency medical services council.

33 11. "Department" means the department of health services.

34 12. "Director" means the director of the department of health services.

35 13. "Division" means the division of emergency medical services within
36 the department.

37 14. "Emergency medical services" means those services required
38 following an accident or an emergency medical situation:

39 (a) For on-site emergency medical care.

40 (b) For the transportation of the sick or injured by a licensed ground
41 or air ambulance.

42 (c) In the use of emergency communications media.

43 (d) In the use of emergency receiving facilities.

1 (e) In administering initial care and preliminary treatment procedures
2 by certified emergency medical technicians.

3 15. "Emergency medical services provider" means any governmental
4 ENTITY, quasi-governmental entity or corporation whether public or private
5 that renders emergency medical services in this state.

6 16. "Emergency paramedic" or "paramedic" means a person who has been
7 trained in an emergency paramedic training program certified by the director
8 or in an equivalent training program and who is certified by the director to
9 render services pursuant to section 36-2205.

10 17. "Emergency receiving facility" means a licensed health care
11 institution that offers emergency medical services, is staffed twenty-four
12 hours a day and has a physician on call.

13 18. "First responder" as an ambulance attendant means a person who has
14 been trained under the supervision of a qualified first responder instructor,
15 who provides patient care and treatment in accordance with the United States
16 department of transportation first responder curriculum and who meets all of
17 the following requirements:

18 (a) Has successfully completed the United States department of
19 transportation first responder national standard curriculum course.

20 (b) Has successfully completed the national registry first responder
21 examination and has submitted proof of this fact to the person's current
22 employer.

23 (c) Successfully completes the United States department of
24 transportation first responder refresher national standard curriculum at
25 least once every two years.

26 19. "Fit and proper" means that the director determines that an
27 applicant for a certificate of necessity or a certificate holder has the
28 expertise, integrity, fiscal competence and resources to provide ambulance
29 service in the service area.

30 20. "Intermediate emergency medical technician" means a person who has
31 been trained in an intermediate emergency medical technician program
32 certified by the director or in an equivalent training program and who is
33 certified by the director to render services pursuant to section 36-2205.

34 21. "Medical record" means any patient record including clinical
35 records, prehospital care records, medical reports, laboratory reports and
36 statements, any file, film, record or report or oral statements relating to
37 diagnostic findings, treatment or outcome of patients, whether written or
38 recorded, and any information from which a patient or the patient's family
39 might be identified.

40 22. "Physician" means any person licensed under the provisions of title
41 32, chapter 13 or 17.

42 23. "Qualified first responder instructor" means a person tested and
43 certified as a first responder instructor by the American red cross OR THE
44 NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL OR AN EQUIVALENT ORGANIZATION.

1 24. "Stretcher van" means a vehicle that contains a stretcher and that
2 is operated to accommodate an incapacitated or disabled person who does not
3 require medical monitoring, aid, care or treatment during transport.

4 25. "Suboperation station" means a physical facility or location at
5 which an ambulance service conducts operations for the dispatch of ambulances
6 and personnel and that may be staffed twenty-four hours a day or less as
7 determined by system use.

8 26. "Trauma center" means any acute care hospital that provides
9 in-house twenty-four hour daily dedicated trauma surgical services.

10 27. "Trauma registry" means data collected by the department on trauma
11 patients and on the incidence, causes, severity, outcomes and operation of
12 a trauma system and its components.

13 28. "Trauma system" means an integrated and organized arrangement of
14 health care resources having the specific capability to perform triage,
15 transport and provide care.

16 29. "Wheelchair van" means a vehicle that contains or that is designed
17 and constructed or modified to contain a wheelchair and that is operated to
18 accommodate an incapacitated or disabled person who does not require medical
19 monitoring, aid, care or treatment during transport.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 1, 2001.

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Passed the House April 23, 2001,

by the following vote: 51 Ayes,

0 Nays, 9 Not Voting

Jake Flake
Speaker of the House
Pro Tempore
Norman L. Moore
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 5, 2001,

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Robert S. Ant
President of the Senate
Chouinard Billington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

 day of , 20 ,

at o'clock M.

Secretary to the Governor

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Governor of Arizona

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

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Secretary of State

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE
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0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Randall Smith
President of the Senate
Charmine Bellington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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This Bill was received by the Governor this

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at 9:00 o'clock 1 M.

Jandra Chaney
Secretary to the Governor

APPROVED THIS first day of

May, 2001,

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Janet Lee Hull
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

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Patsy Boylen
Secretary of State

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